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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BELGRADE

REF: WARSAW 2918

1. NORTH AMERICAS SECTION DIRECTOR STARCEVIC ASKED DCM TO STOP BY RE DEPSEC VISIT, IN PARTICULAR RE EFFORTS TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH TITO. HE SAID YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT RUSH MAY BE BRINGING "SOME KIND OF MESSAGE". OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS WOULD GIVE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT AN ADDITIONAL PEG FOR SECURING AN EXCEPTION TO RULE THAT ONLY GOVT OFFICIALS TITO SEES ARE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN DEFENSE MINISTERS. AS EXAMPLE, HE SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EFFECT THAT WE VIEW 1971 JOINT STATEMENT AS STILL VALID (SUCH A MESSAGE WAS IN FACT DELIVERED AS PART OF PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS LAST NOVEMBER - SEE DEPTTEL 232163). HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS UP TO US; EVEN "MESSAGE OF BEST WISHES" MIGHT SUFFICE.

2. STARCEVIC IMPLIED THAT MESSAGE WOULD BE FORMALITY WHICH COULD BE USED TO JUSTIFY HAVING MADE AN EXCEPTION WHEN SIMILAR REQUESTS ARE MADE IN FUTURE (PRESS INVARIBLY RECORDS ALL TITO CALLERS, WITH SPECIAL MENTION OF MESSAGE DELIVERIES). EMB BELIEVES FSFA ANXIOUS ARRANGE MEETING AND HAS SUGGESTED THIS AS POSSIBLY EFFECTIVE TACTIC.
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